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COLOMBIA says she desires peace. If she don't, we have some more battleships

GREAT SCOTT! If we should have been held responsible for all the other hairwe were-just as hard.

SENATOR TILLMAN is much concerned about the "National honor." We are rather curious to know what any Tillman means by "honor."

MIDDLEPORT POST, 125, Middleport, Ohio, contributes \$2 to the Stephenson Memorial Gen. Louis Wagner, Treasurer of the Fund.

VEAL feasts are being spread at a num ber of places in the country to induce the Democratic prodigals to return, but somehow the house of their fathers will persist in not taking on a homey look.

the tiresome and unhealthy confinement on shipboard. We notice with pleasure that the places chosen for their open-air exercise and recreation all command paths in leading from Colombia into Panama.

THE instructions of the Southern Legis

Gorman and the New York Evening Post about the only parties in the country refusing to recognize the Republic of Panplaining that they do not want to be an-

bery, murder, arson and disturbance of the SENATOR NEWLANDS is sure that the National conscience is in a very diseased Democratic principles. Very well; get the

exed to the United States. Certainly not.

We have stringent laws here against rob-

railroad in operation in the United States. Government to carry on the war. That is. Last year there were 203,132 miles, or where the bondholders lent money to the more than 20 times as many. This mar- Government, they were eventually paid velous extension of the railroad system was back foor or five, possibly six, times their directly the result of the unification of the country, secured by four years' battling

factures was less than \$2,000,000,000. Last nothing. In making this statement it must year they exceeded \$13,000,000,000. This be borne in mind that the amount paid that a united country was secured at pensions are paid in consequence of a con-Appomattox, and full play given to every tract, allowing for the physical impair- tional Tribune's service pension bill might stead of having to maintain civil war the service. No account is taken of the among a number of disjointed States.

newspapers of the New York Evening Post type and the Boston "organs of culchuah." beneath contempt when it came in contact with the trained and cultivated European type. It is very gratifying, therefore, to see European papers of the highest standing discussing American diplomacy in a way in which the following from the Leipsic "Grenzboten" is a specimen:

"In Roosevelt, European diplomacy has met its master. He is the type of advancing Americanism, as clever as he is un-scrupulous, as powerful as he is sly."

THE STATISTICAL bulletin of the Department of Commerce and Labor gives a most astonishing picture of the progress of the Three years' rations, at .25 per United States since the close of the war. The population has increased from 32,000 .-000 to over 80,000,000. The wealth has increased from \$7,000,000,000 in 1850, to over \$100,000,000,000 in 1903. The per capita wealth has grown very much faster \$1,500 per head now. In 1870 the Naices and valor of the soldiers of the coun- what the Government paid him. try, and what a slender return is a service As this immense burden of sacrificed

of our foreign trade is with Canada. In sharing none of it, it is but the simplest 10 years the imports from the Dominion justice that some compensation should be have leaped up from \$34,492,332 in 1893 now made to them, and the service pension to \$55,000,000 in 1903. Our exports to bill, which is the simplest and most direct Canada have increased in far greater pro- form of that compensation, is not so much portion; that is from \$57,121,178 in a question of sentiment or patriotism as it 1893 to \$131,000,000 in 1903. Therefore, while our imports have increased nearly who bore the heat and burden of the bat-

THE SIMPLE JUSTICE OF A SERVICE PENSION.

The National Tribune. In men whom it called to its rescue. It sore gusted with the spoliations and exactions of the corrupt gang which happens to be it, and to look to its justice and gratitude

number of the active wage-earners of the Granada, and headquarters at Bogota. ountry entered the army in response to he Nation's call, the sacrifices they made became very much greater.

Before the war the wages for unskilled the army at \$11 per month, receiving theretle better, than if they had stayed at home and worked on the farm or a railroad Therefore, in accepting this pay, the volunteers at the outset had to make a great ome for their work. A very large proportion of them were skilled laborers, receiving high wages. Those who were farmers were equally skilled laborers, and ranked with mechanics, artisans, superintendents and professional men, for they and marines we can start down that way. trigger revolutions in South America. Yet ments greatly exceeding those paid to the of fairness or justice in the governing of average "hired hand."

er. Those who resisted the Nation's im-Monument Fund, which has been sent to portunities and remained at home got an enormous increment, for wages went up against Panama and the United States was by leaps and bounds. A skilled mechanic, THE Southern papers are saying: "Of who would have done well to work for \$1.50

farmer was glad to sell his wheat for \$1 a bushel in 1859, he wanted about \$3 OF COURSE, our marines need relief from the tiresome and unhealthy confinement on hipboard. We notice with pleasure that a barrel in New York in 1860, and at the foundation of the Nation, and upon his to wages above was can have turkey for Thanksgiviu. These are the surplus of wages above what it costs the working men to support themselves and families in comfort and in 1864. Mess beef sold as low as \$4.50 a barrel in 1855. It brought These are the surplus of wages above what it costs the working men to support themselves and families in comfort and in 1864. Mess beef sold as low as \$4.50 a barrel in 1855. It brought These are the surplus of wages above what it costs the working men to support themselves and families in comfort and in 1864. Mess beef sold as low as \$4.50 a barrel in 1855. It brought These are the surplus of wages above what it costs the working men to support themselves and families in comfort and in 1864. Mess beef sold as low as \$4.50 a barrel in 1855. It brought These are the surplus of wages above what it costs the working men to support themselves and families in comfort and in 1864. Mess beef sold as low as \$4.50 a barrel in 1855. It brought These are the surplus of wages above what it costs the working men to support themselves and families in comfort and in 1864. We notice with pleasure that close of the war brought \$28. Butter sold as low as 8 cents a pound in 1861, but brought 60 cents at the close of the war. in 1883, the savings banks were in the most and then hed be taller than your Shorty. latures to their Senators leave Senator

> tion of the greenback in which he was paid \$1,024,856,787 deposited in the savings soon reduced this value to \$11. Congress banks in the country, and this was the made a feeble effort to adjust matters in largest fund of money in the United States. I wish largest fund of money in the United States. I that have teeth just on the sides. I wish largest fund of money in the United States. I could have a new pare of high top shoes with red tossals on the front. Pa he says of these depositors has increased to I am gettin giddle and must be curbed but the largest fund of these depositors has increased to I am gettin giddle and must be curbed but the largest fund of these depositors has increased to I am gettin giddle and must be curbed but the largest fund of money in the United States. I wish that have teeth just on the sides with the sid

Democrats to agree upon what are their principles, and then make up the prescripwho were fighting the battles of the Union. It amounted to even much more than the In 1850 there were but 9,021 miles of money which the bondholders lent to the fight the battles of the Union made monetary sacrifices incomparably greater than was represented by the actual lendings of In 1860 the total value of our manu- the moneyed men, and they received back wonderful increase was due to the fact for pensions is no offset whatever. The

proportion of the men who enlisted. The the National Encampment, with the aid be fosterin overweening pride but I dont

Additional bounty

As every man who entered the army was than the population, as it was only \$307 officially certified to by the Surgeon as per head in 1850, while in 1900 it was young, vigorous, and in perfect physical \$1,235 per head, and is probably about condition, he would have earned the highest wages had he remained at home. His to \$3.08 per head, while now it is \$1.32. day, he would be receiving \$2,737.50 for tion. All this was the direct result of the sacri- his three years' work, or nearly treble

pension bill of \$12 per month to every wages and opportunities was borne excluman who aided in securing this stupendous sively by the something over 2,000,000 individual soldiers who served at various loons, and couldn't take the steamer that periods during the war, with the remaining days AFTER all, the most astonishing growth 20,000,000 of their loyal fellow citizens

The not unexpected news comes that In its dire need for money, the Govern- Colombia is on the point of actual breakment could make scarcely any return to the ing up, and that the people of the various men whom it called to its rescue. It sore- divisions of the country have become so dispay for their food, clothing, and ammuni- in power at Bogota, that they are making tion; to equip battleships, and to pay ready to withdraw from all connection with

THE DISINTEGRATION OF COLOMBIA.

principal and interest upon the money it the central Government. From the very had already borrowed. It appealed to its first, Colombia has been a loose-jointed sons to sacrifice everything in order to save affair, and difficult to keep together. The Spanish had the whole northern part of As the war progressed, and the greater with the title of the Vice-Royalty of New

labor were from 50 cents to 75 cents a day, sections. The Republic of Colombia, which and the men of this class who went into he established in 1819, only lasted 10 years, with food, clothing, lodging, and medical Venezuela, and next year Equador seceded. attendance, did about as well, if not a lit- At one time or another most of the prov- give them to Ma and Ma let me have grade. In fact, this was the basis upon Panama's second withdrawal. At first the original productions, sure enough. Listen which the pay of the army was arranged. federal form of the United States Govern ment was adopted with States Rights in gan; descent from the rewards they received at lasted a few years, when the Government

were managing their own farms, from before being turned out of power by a which they received profits and emolu-counter-revolution, there was no pretence the various provinces, and, as in the case do make an afful muss, and there was a Even in those days of small incomes theirs ranged from \$750 to \$3,000 a year, which would be equivalent to double that amount to-day. All this they gave up in order to enter the army. As the war progressed the wage-earners became scarcers. There who registed the Nation's incomes of Panama, not a dollar of the money wrung from them was returned to be expended for their benefit, A more vicious regime could not be imagined outside of Turkey, and the only wonder is that the people of the important cities and proventially and the provinces, and, as in the case do make an afful muss, and there was a littl chester White pig that the mother pig tried to kill and I brung it in, and it was in the wood box. Things was sum cluttered up, cause I tried to sew carpet regime could not be imagined outside of and went off and forgot to put them away and the hen and pig and littl chester White pig that the mother pig tried to kill and I brung it in, and it was in the wood box. Things was sum cluttered up, cause I tried to sew carpet regime could not be imagined outside of and went off and forgot to put them away and the hen and pig and littl chiester White pig that the mother pig tried to kill and I brung it in, and it was in the wood box. Things was sum cluttered up, cause I tried to sew carpet regime could not be imagined outside of and went off and forgot to put them away and the hen and pig and littl chiester white pig tried to kill and I brung it in, and it was in the wood box. Things was sum cluttered up, cause I tried to sew carpet regime could not be imagined outside of and went off and forgot to put them away and the hen and pig and little chiester.

inces endured it as long as they have. A large proportion of the talk about war against Panama and the United States was day to Cindy White, her folks live out on intended to distract the people's attention the old basswood farm that has the worm

INCREASE IN SAVINGS.

ALL THINKING men know that the best bushel in 1865. Some of it actually and surest indication of the increased prossold for \$3.45. Wool had been 27 cents perity of the country is afforded by the ribbon run on the sleeves won't it be pretper pound; it became 80. Mess pork sold volume of deposits in the savings banks. ty. Pa he has gone over to Campbells for \$14.60 a barrel in 1859. It brought These are the surplus of wages above today to get Ma a settin of Turkey eggs a barrel in New York in 1860, and at the foundation of the Nation, and upon his delaine trimmed with white satin bands it

to 38 cents, this did not represent more than \$6 of actual value.

This burden of the difference between the wages the volunteers would have received at home and what they actually received in the army, amounted to billions of dollars, and was borne wholly by the soldiers.

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NO DIVISION WHATEVER. A number of comrades have written us asking whether our advocacy of The Nafinancial sacrifices made by every man who left a farm, a shop, an office, or a work-bench to enter the army

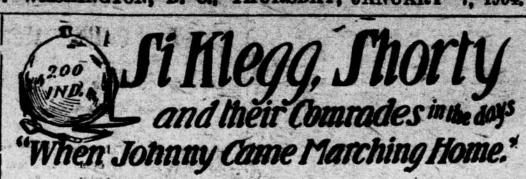
and it is right, to ask for just such a bill as we want. We shall in the end take what we can get, so we shall have lost nothing by asking for the best. It will therefore be seen that there is not the slightest danger of division of sentiment in advocating the two bills, since they are both essentially the same. The agitation will serve to solidify the sentiment of the veterans of the two bills, to ask for just such a bill of hisself when you was a married we may have a scould be and that you cuddent ever be anything to him and it which it seems to me I cot duties of the day. Your married Si insted of him Annabel and you married Si insted of him Annabel and I told him that you could be nothing but a sister to him and Si wuddent let him carry a lock of his wife's hair round in this pocket. I mean Joshes pocket and Mr. Lincoln, but his troublest to the two bills, the sentiment of the veterans to solidify the sentiment of the veterans as fast as could be and that you cuddent ever be anything to him and it may be wished the sent may be and that you cuddent ever be anything to him and it may be and that you cuddent ever be anything to him and it duties of the day. Your married Si insted of him Annabel and I told him that you could be nothing by the had lost a personal free for light in the darkness a circle when you was a married wo may had that you cuddent ever be anything to him and it which it seems to the duties of the day. Your himself and he works too of his years I am sure. I told him that you could be nothing by the had lost a personal free for light in the darkness at the solidity the sentiment of the veterans to him and it which it seems to the darkness of the day. Your himself and he works too of his years I am sure. I told him that you could be nothing to him and it which it seems to the darkness at the seem that the him and you was a married wo him and the him and you could be and that you could Total second state \$1,082.50 the two bills, since they are both essento solidify the sentiment of the veterans

POOR CULOMBIA! She seems to be out in the cold all around. Her agent was tional debt amounted to \$60.46 per head, wages or other return would have run all lately refused admission to the meetings while in 1903 it was only \$11.51. The the way from \$2 to \$6 and \$8 a day. If of the Panama Co. in Paris, and when he interest upon the debt in 1870 amounted we place the average so low as \$2.50 a appealed to the courts, get no satisfac-

GEN. WEYLER is going to explain why he did not invade the United States during the Spanish War. Possibly he had left all his money at home in his other panta-

have another photograph taken. The one now given out to the press makes him look which brings him to his feet to move that the "vote be made unanimous" for the

50 per cent., our exports have increased a first the salvation of the Union. It is alvation of the Union. It is always open and their is always of the unit of the Union. It is always open and their is always of the unit of the Union. It is always open and their is always open and their is always on the Hall the Union. It is always open and their is always open and their with you and with you are unit of the Union. It is always open and their is always open and their with you and with you are unit of the Union. It is always open and their with you and wit



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South America under one administration with the title of the Vice-Royalty of New Granada, and headquarters at Bogota.

Bolivar had a hard time keeping the country together in its struggle for independence, and coincident with the war with Spain and coincident with the war with leaders of different to put away my little trinkets, and she big candy heart.

Soms More Letters from Home—Arrival or hard and I hope you will get it alright it is wrapped in your blue shambray dress the wrapped in your blue shambray dress the toold Ma yet and I saved a peace of fruit what we had and sent you that it was what we had Christmas and was left over you know and Ma said I might send that she said it would keep, and I sent you my big candy heart. were smaller wars with leaders of different sections. The Republic of Colombia, which he established in 1819, only lasted 10 years, when it was broken by the secession of sections. The Republic of Colombia, which he established in 1819, only lasted 10 years, when it was broken by the secession of sections. I could shake her good. She's lost the beads that Grandma the outside and Pa says he thinks we can wore when she was a girl, and she

inces have declared their independence of them when the thought I was big enough the central Government, and the last was to take care of them. It is one of Mandy's and I'll read it to you," and so she be-Dear Maria and my new brother-in-law

each of the several divisions, but this only lasted a few years, when the Government was remodeled, and the States reduced to

eryin' most of the time. Ma she was afful tired and most scandalized to deth about the house. The hens I set in the kitchen had come off and you know little chickens scratched them into a afful snarl. You remember that long-legged booby that used to cum shinin round you before you saw Well he got married the other THE Southern papers are saying: "Of course, Gorman made an awful mistake about Panama, but years ago he saved us from the manacles of the Force Bill. Let's remember that."

who would have done well to work for \$1.50 from their misgovernment and to make the per day in 1660, turned up his nose at less cloak of patriotism conceal the high-hand war a red calliker dress to the spellin when they have been subjected.

It was the same with farmers. Where a farmer was glad to sell his wheat for a farmer was glad to sell his wheat a pink flower on it. It is all wool de-

> you know the one that used to sit on the front porch with you and make eyes

is, the United States Treasury has in its gf sent of money neither I dont know what vaults more money than any other institution in the whole world, and yet it has he alwais brung me candy and bickry nuts and Sim never brung nothin. His wife is real pretty and she wares the nicest clothes (I means Jims wife does Sim he aint got married) and she has a bright blue silk Poplin that would stand its lone and Ide like to have one like that too.
"Ma says to tell you the Home New but I dont know none the old yaller cat has got five kittens and old Bose hes dead he cut his fool self on an old ax WE HAVE been accustomed to hear newspapers of the New York Evening Post ype and the Boston "organs of culchuah," ties paid to induce enlistments. As a constantly sneering at our diplomacy as bench to enter the army.

We have heard much of the big bounties paid to induce enlistments. As a matter of actual and indisputable fact the National Encampment. When it does, or girls like me in Washington Ide like these bounties were paid to a very small it will be governed by the instructions of the man principle upon which we wish the comrades to unite. Where Annabels mother lived shes going upon which we wish the comrades to unite. Where Annabels mother lived shes going upon which we wish the comrades to unite. When it to have the postoffis pa says and can live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. When it to have the postoffis pa says and can live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. When it to have the postoffis pa says and can live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. When it to have the postoffis pa says and can live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. When it to have the postoffis pa says and can live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. When it to have the postoffis pa says and can live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. When it to have the postoffis pa says and can live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. When it to have the postoffis pa says and can live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. When it to have the postoffis pa says and can live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. When it to have the postoffis pa says and can live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. The live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. The live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. The live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. The live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. The live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. The live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. The live upon which we wish the comrades to unite. The live upon which we wish the comrades to un

Say Shorty Ma told me how the boys ways hant me.

we ain't going to do that yet awhile, are we Will?"
"Now, Maria, ask me something are "

tating words.

"Well for the land's sake Will! 'If you get out at all!' Why, haven't you had enough of war life by this time to settle down and live like white folks, as they say down here? I should think you would

down here? I should think you would want to get away from it all."

"Soldiering is about the only trade I know anything about." he replied soberly.

"I aint going home to live off of the old man and the Regular service offers some advantages. There's going to be a lot of fighting to do on the border with the blamed Indians, and—I—well I had thought maybe I'd just go along."

big candy heart.

"Pas sold the pigs and he got his price for them he says and we are going to paper the house on the inside and paint it on the outside and Pa says he thinks we can have a new fence—it—is going to be a picket fence just like Banker Davises folks has to their house but Banker Davis is going to have to give up his Bank he find an opening. Go on, Maria, and finish

"Now, Maria, ask me something easy,"
Will replied as he nervously twisted a string from one of the parcels. "I don't know what I'm going to do when I get out of the service if-I-get-out at-all," watching Maria narrowly as he gave utterance to the last sentence. She was about to return to the letter, but caught the hesitating words.

"Well for the land's sake Will! 'If you get out at all!' Why, haven't you had enough of war life by this time to settle down and live like white folks, as they say down, I have wrote you a long letter "Now, I have wrote you a long letter"

'Now, I have wrote you a long letter to Washington. Give my love to Si and Anuabel and Will and come home as soon as you can. Your Pa says to tell you he commends you to the cair of Him who marks the sparrows fall, and so do I my

"'From your Ma, AMANDY MARIA "Ma is beginning to put on frills," de plum forgot that you and Mandy was named for Ma, and I never knew her to use the whole name before. Here's a ter from Pap that was written just after

he got back, I reckon.

"Oh wait a minute," exclaimed Maria. as she picked up the letter to fold it away. Here is a postscript—oh yes, it's about the trunk. 'I have sent you some clothes as I promised. Annabel's mother come over as soon as I got home, and we talked about the list of the sent you some come over as soon as I got home, and we talked about the things youde need. As it must be gettin' warm down there in Washington, we thought youde mostly need cotton dresses, so I put in your pink and the blue chambray, and that pink sprigged lawn you got over to the corners last Summer come a year, and the white lawn you got to wear to Mary Ellen Simmses wedding infare last Summer, and all your white skirts, and them lace undersleeves, and the white swiss ones, and that black silk mantle that was your great grandmothers and that is in fashion now, and some white cotton stockings that I have knit in fancy stitch since I came home, they won't wear into holes as quick as the olds ones which will do just as well for you to wear round the house when you get back. Annabel's mother brought over a lot of her things, and we had a dreadful time getting them all in but we did. Mandy she put in some things, but I don't know what, some foolishness I reckon, so no more from your Mother."

"Pap's letter," began Si, but was again interrupted by Maria.

"I declare Wa must be cetting in her

"I declare, Ma must be getting in her dotage. Here's another postscript away down in the corner—the ink is so pale I can't hardly make it out. 'We checked'—
um-er, or what on earth is it, anyway?
'We checked—your'—trunk must be the
next word, but I can't make it out, 'and sent it by Jim Waldron who lives over on four-mile run you remember, he'—now what is that next word? 'He we-n-t to W-a-s-h-i-n-g'—oh, yes, 'he went to Washington to look after his Uncle who is in a hospital there and said'—now what did he say? I can't make out a single word. Paper must have been mighty scarce, and, of course, the ink was froze colorless. I don't see why Ma didn't use blueing. 'Said-said-oh, here is the part we want to know, 'he said that he would store at the November 1. would stop at the National tavern, and f-o-r y-o-u to call there for the the check. The key is sent by the mail."

"Now, Si, you and Will go right down and see about that trunk as soon as we In the meanwhile the money in which the volunteers were paid went down nearly as rapidly as the home wages went up. In 1861 the pay of the private soldier was raised to \$13 per month, but the depreciation of the proportion of th

the Deacon's letter, so's we can go right down and see about the trunk—hold on a minute, there's the Adjutant! Reckon he

gested Annabel, so the two went to making them promise that they would dine with him soon, lifted his cap, and walked briskly away, after putting the old lady in a cab and directing

They had just gotten back and picked up their letters, when Si glancing out of the window, said:

"There's a man out there looking for ome place." On the sidewalk was a tall slender young man, studying the dim number over the door, and reaching in his tie. His pantaloons were black doeskin, and his boots neatly polished. On his left hand was a black kid glove. His features were regular and refined, his eyes large The upperpart showed the tan of long exthe cheeks and jaws, from which apparently a heavy suit of whiskers had been but

him, for the letters were too engrossing.
"Are Sergeants Klegg and Elliott, of
the 200th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, stopping here, Aunty?" he asked in a voice of musical sweetness, of Araminta Amelia, who opened the door.
"No sich pussons hear, 'tall—deed dey

"Go 'way." ising anger. I's no gunty. I'se yo' ekil. Go

ted the stranger, holding the 'I'm almost sure they're std



diddnt do things right somehow Pa sais I Mother's letter; Shorty's kinder got the

cuddent understand it but anyhow he isnt rich any more because some of his con-tracts was rotten and Pa says it serves him Oats sold in New York for 30 cents a bushel in 1860, and for \$1.02 at the close of the war.

In 1883, the savings banks were in the most banks were and the banks were and the most banks were and th daughter that aint married.

"'P. S. I'm afful sorry I lost your beeds. Maria.
"Just to think of that little baggage talking about being 'Miss Klegg?' said Maria disgustedly as she laid the letter on the table. "She ought to be punished and sent to bed, that's what ought to hap-

grow out of her airs just like you remarked Si with a wink at Shorty. and was mighty proud when Sam Winter called on you the first time you ever had a beau and called you 'Miss Klegg.' Say, Shorty, you ought to a-seen her, I reckon I'd be a laughin' yit, only I enlisted and

her rescue. "Well, I'm hearin' about a lot of galoots that I aint never hear about before, and they most of them seem to have been in love with Maria, but I don't blame them, and I am sorry for them because I got her and they didn't so I am that much about a most are somehow. Pa he tried to put it on the kitchin and such a mess as he did make and anything else I can get her she wants, and if she grows into as pretty and sweet a

ther with eyes of devouring love, with smile, then her mother's letter to them.
"My deer Daughters and Sons:
"The Lord has delt kindly with your

though there ought to have been some other way. He had trod the wine press of affliction and the grapes of wrath had give him balm for the healing of the peoples afflictions, so it may be that the infinite wisdom that took him away in the zenith of his triumph will help us to get thru the difficulties that now beset us, but I am troubled I am glad that I saw

doldrums I reckon."

Maria picked up the letter in a half-

own age, and skimming the surface of society which she was admirably fitted to grace, in his opinion, that he felt the weight of the future pressing upon him. He began to realize his own unfitness for her. He felt himself big and boorish and

"'I have set 20 hens since I got back,' wrote Mrs. Klegg, 'but I haint got very good settin stock I am afraid. I got some fancy chickens to the fair last Fall and

"The white wash aint done very good somehow. Pa he tried to put it on the kitchin and such a mess as he did make. I told him I'd rather he had let the walls go as they was. I miss you when it comes Miss Klegg as my wife was, the more airs and I painted the strip around the carpet in the sittin' room, but we didn't get it done as well as you do it. It seems as and gentle. His face was cleanthough I can't do nothing as well as you

> was burned out last Thursday night, just pure carlessness I know, they always was so deadful shifless. Emmy Joneses was brung home from Baltimore yester-day, and they buried him over on the pine they built a good deal on Abijah. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away,

gh to my own wife to do the same

picked up the letter again. "Oh, yes, 'like I did to your Pa, and then she will never have any trouble. Si is a good boy, if

go regine, you are so much less liable to she having trouble with a tramp?"
He stepped out into the hall, for the stepped out into the stepped out into the hall, for the stepped out into the stepped out into the hall, for the stepped out into the hall, for the stepped out into the